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FBA Plans Oktoberfest

Mark your calendar now to join your neighbors at the Foggy Bottom Association OKTOBERFEST on Saturday, October 24 (rain date Sunday, October 25) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Columbia Plaza courtyard.

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(Entrance on 23rd Street)

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The FBA wishes to thank the Columbia Plaza Merchants Association for its generous support of this event. For further information, and/or to volunteer your help, please call Marianna Moore at 293-9017.

Plan to come and get your neighbors and friends to come. Let's celebrate the start of a new FBA year with fun and fellowship!

Helipads in Residential Zones Declared "Public Nuisance" in New Act

By Kirsten L. Olsen

The Helicopter Landing Pad Public Nuisance Act was approved unanimously July 14, and now is in the 30-day review period before the U.S. Congress.

The act, sponsored by Ward 2 Councilman John A. Wilson, was in response to the proposal to install a helipad for the George Washington University Hospital across the street where there is currently a parking lot. Cindy Gist, executive assistant to Councilman Wilson, said the proposal for a helipad at GW had provoked a strong response from Foggy Bottom area residents, both by telephone and mail. Gist said since there were no existing regulations governing helipads in the District, the approach to addressing the problem had to begin legislatively.

There are currently 14 operating helipads in the District, three serving hospitals, but the new regulation will not affect them.

The bill itself declares that helicopter landings in residential zones are prohibited because they would be a public nuisance. Consequently, if GW wanted to pursue installing a helipad (or anyone else in the city), they would have to get the zoning changed to commercial.

Gist said she had not heard of an application to change the zoning of the GW proposed helipad space, though she said the University had lobbied heavily against the bill.

The bill will become effective October 10, unless action is taken by the Congress. Gist said, however, that little opposition is expected.

Foggy Bottom: From Slums to Showplace — To ?

By THE OBSERVER

No area in all of Washington has undergone such a metamorphosis as has Foggy Bottom. Just thirty-five years ago, many sections of lower Foggy Bottom were referred to as slums and were considered off-limits to wary pedestrians. To reach the popular old Watergate Restaurant along the Potomac, one walked over large sections of broken or absent sidewalks, dodged muddy pathways, and passed blocks of sagging, dilapidated homes.

The advent of urban renewal brought about a tidal wave of demolition and reconstruction which delighted a population interested in the preservation of Colonial America. Here, in residential Foggy Bottom, row upon row of small, pastel homes attested to the charm of the living past. For authenticitiy, designers replaced concrete sidewalks with lovely red bricks. Some even went to the painstaking trouble of outlining the tree spaces along the curbs with horizontal bricks — giving those spaces the look of uniform planter boxes.

Each home had a small brick walkway which led from the sidewalk to the street. (These still remain but many have been obliterated with overgrowth. Present tenants will not attend this small task). The "pioneer" homeowners exuded pride in their "Little Williamsburg." They exerted every effort to maintain a picturesque reminder of early America. Before long, outsiders were taking walking tours through renewed Foggy Bottom. Small groups of tourists came to admire and exclaim. (One of the most visited and lauded sections was the enclave, Snows Court, which sadly has become victimized by the City as well as by indolent residents.)

The early residents were nearly obsessed with keeping the environs of their homes spotless. Not a scrap of paper could be found in front yards nor on the sidewalks. An absentee landlord and one-time resident remembers: "Hell, we used to sweep and hose the sidewalks in front of our houses. Some people even swept the gutters next to their curbs."

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Meeting

Foggy Bottom Association

Speaker

LARRY BROWN

Curator of Collections
Columbia Historical Society

8:00 P.M.

September 28, 1987

St. Paul's Parish House

2430 K Street, N.W.

Mrs. Simpson of Safeway Retires

Best wishes of Foggy Bottom residents are extended to Mrs. Lenore Simpson on her retirement from Watergate Safeway Food Emporium on September 30. But the wishes are tempered with deep regret at the departure of this attractive lady with a very cheerful personality who has been an outstanding asset to the Meat Department for 12½ years.

Mrs. Simpson worked for Safeway Stores for 29½ years in only two locations — for 17 years at the store on Mt. Pleasant Street N.W. before coming to Watergate. She decided to take early retirement to spend more time with her husband, Robert, a son and daughter, two granddaughters and a grandson. Her son Robert, his wife, son and daughter, live at Norfolk, Virginia where he is stationed with the United States Navy, and daughter Cheryl Lowenbach, husband and daughter live at Olney, Maryland where she is a teacher.

Mrs. Simpson is a native of Pennsylvania, coming to the Washington area from Johnstown. One of her hobbies is playing the organ which she says she does strictly for her own pleasure.

Mr. Sam Nehman, Manager of Watergate Safeway, expressed his deep personal regret at Mrs. Simpson's departure, saying he would miss her "not only as a most valued employee, but also as a real friend."

Sad News Over the Summer

During the summer we lost some very special people who lived in Foggy Bottom, **Melvin Ogden,** so dear to the FBA, died June 27 after an extended illness. Mel served the Association well as Treasurer for several years, was dedicated to the St. Mary's Court, and was involved in other community activities as well. He was one of six persons honored by the Foggy Bottom community in a special event last April. Information on a memorial fund established in his name to benefit a Community Center is described in another article in this issue.

Also in June **Lucile Holmes,** who lived in the 2500 block of L Street for over 25 years, died of pneumonia. Lucile was a founding member of the Arena Stage, and was a writer and broadcaster by profession, retiring in the late 1960s from the Voice of America. After retirement she was a regular reader for the Washington Volunteer Readers for the Blind.

A most distinguished resident of Watergate passed away in June, the economist and public servant **Arthur F. Burns.** Burns, who served as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, of the Council of Economic Advisers, and as ambassador to West Germany, was born in 1904 and came to Washington in 1937.

Humanities Seminar at St. Mary's Court

A 20-week Humanities Seminar began in July at St. Mary's Court, a Foggy Bottom residence facility for senior citizens and handicapped persons. The seminar is under the direction of Ed Cox, an area poet and instructor who has conducted the popular and long-established poetry class at the Court. The seminar is sponsored by the National Council on the Aging and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The seminar meets every Tuesday from 7:10 to 8:30 p.m. at the Court and it is expected to continue into November. There is no financial obligation and it is open to persons in the community as well as residents of the Court. Registration information may be obtained by calling the Court at 223-5712.

Participants each receive a copy of the National Council on the Aging's publication, "Exploring Values," which contains essays and articles on issues such as ethics, capital punishment, civil rights, war and peace, life, liberty and the role of the individual in society. The participants and Mr. Cox will engage in weekly discussions stimulated by readings from the text. Other resource material will also be used and presentations and lectures by visiting humanists will be featured.

The goal of the Humanities Seminar is to encourage participants to pursue exploration of their ideas and feelings about the relevancy of the humanities. Participants will be encouraged to write a paper during the course of the seminar focusing on one of the various issues raised in the discussions. Mr. Cox will provide technical assistance to those writing papers. At the conclusion of the seminar, the papers and excerpts of taped transcripts of sessions discussions will be published in an anthology.

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Recorder Group Holds Classes

The Monday Recorder Group (MRG) beginners' class began September 14 and will last about four months. The class meets at 8:00 on Monday nights at The United Church, 20th & G Streets, N.W. Our beginners' class is open to people who have no musical experience. The graduates of this class will be invited to continue as members of MRG — in a more advanced playing section. Class dues will be only $2 per month. The class will be a very effective, inexpensive and enjoyable way for your readers to learn to play a delightful musical instrument. *Foggy Bottom News* readers who want to find out more about our class are invited to call Virginia Singer at 265-9210.

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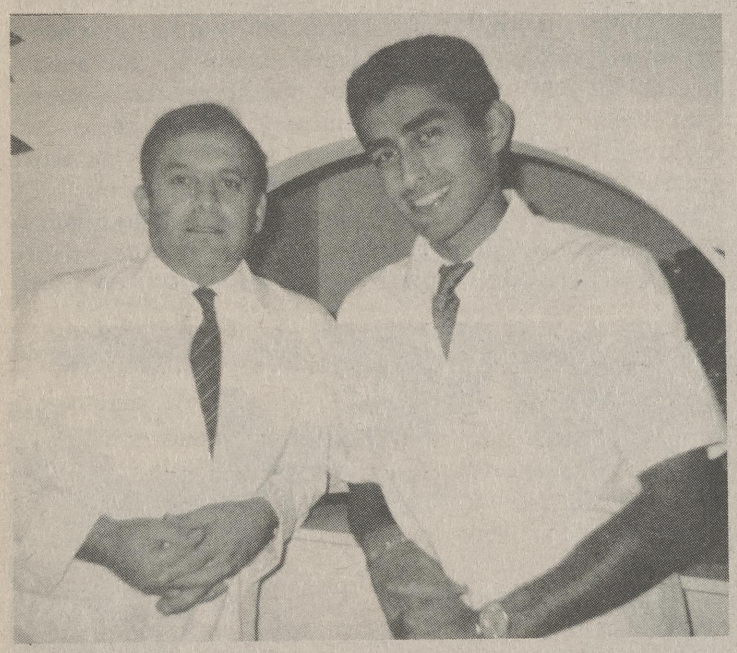
Faces of Foggy Bottom

By Kirsten Olsen

Names: **Ghafoor Ghamary** and **Tirdad Fattahi**

Occupation: **Dentists**

Address: **910 New Hampshire Avenue**



Ensconced in their newly renovated townhouse next to the 7-Eleven on New Hampshire Avenue, Drs. Ghamary and Fattahi span both ends of the spectrum in dentistry. Ghamary has 15 years of experience, and Fattahi is fresh out of Howard's dental school. Only open two months in this location, both have high hopes for thriving practice in Foggy Bottom.

The two joined forces because of Fattahi's father, a former officer in the Iranian army, who now is in shipping in the U.S. At a party, Fattahi's father, who knew Ghamary was a dentist, asked him, "Can my son be a dentist like you?" pointing at the then 16-year-old Tirdad Fattahi. Ghamary said if Tirdad did everything he said, and applied himself seriously, he could be a dentist also. So after exploring the requirements under Dr. Ghamary's guidance, Tirdad entered Howard the fall after his July fourth birthday. After two years of college, and four years of dental school, graduating sixth in his class, Fattahi has joined Ghamary's practice. Fattahi says he would eventually like to specialize like Ghamary in oral surgery, but after all that school he needs a break.

The two have actually been working together about a year and a half, with Fattahi assisting Ghamary. Because of the Iranian community, Ghamary has many Iranian patients, but many Americans also. He also cleans the teeth of a few royals like the King of Oman, the King of Saudi Arabia, and the Shah of Iran's son — the second Rajah and his wife.

Ghamary has a wife and a 5½-year-old daughter and lives in Virginia's Skyline Plaza. He also has two brothers and three sisters in the area and currently his parents are visiting from Iran where he has one brother.

Ghamary is originally from Teheran, Iran, though he was educated at Georgetown University in the early 70's. He returned to Iran in 1976, but the Khomeni regime coming into power forced him to come back to the U.S. because he had American friends and American patients. He says he loves the U.S. where now he is a citizen, though he feels people didn't at first realize that many Iranians were "suffering from the political matter also." Since then, however, he has seen Americans more willing to judge Iranians on an individual basis, not assuming all Iranians are like the ones you see on the news.

In his spare time, Ghamary enjoys watching football, going to the Four Seasons or Watergate, and traveling to San Diego, California. Eventually he'd like to make his Foggy Bottom office his main location and thinks he might buy a house down here. The most common dental problem he sees is gum disease — even with well-off patients. He says they often are too busy to properly attend to their teeth.

Fattahi lives in Vienna, Virginia with his mother, father, brother and sister. Fattahi, who has been in this country since he was 14, feels this is his home. When he first arrived (due to the political situation as well), he said he was scared, especially because he did not know any English.

He is the eldest and is single. He likes to go dancing and relax at Houston's in Georgetown or the Pleasant Peasant at Mazza Gallerie. He swims, jogs, plays chess and backgammon (though he says he's better at backgammon) and thinks Washington is a beautiful city. He also likes the fact it is a melting pot, though he says people here seem very driven to work hard. He just got his Maryland license, and plans to be working at their Rockville office soon. The worst problem he sees in dentistry so far are "bad patients" (i.e., those who are hard to deal with and are suspicious of the dentist). Fattahi says he likes dentistry better than being a physical doctor because of the personalness of it. "You get to know many people on a personal level."

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Neighborhood Datebook

September 27: Lecture at DAR Museum Explores the History of American Globes

The Geography of Heaven and Earth: American Globes in the Nineteenth Century" is the title of a talk to be given at the DAR Museum on Sunday, September 27 at 2 p.m. The speaker will be Deborah Warner, Curator at the National Museum of American History (NMAH), Smithsonian Institution. There is no charge. The lecture is being held in conjunction with the exhibition *Geographical Views,* which examines the teaching of geography in early America. Globes, maps, textiles, textbooks and surveying equipment are featured in the show, on view through October 18.

October 4: Inside/Out at Kennedy Center.

For the third year in a row, the Friends of the Kennedy Center will sponsor the Kennedy Center's annual Open House, "INSIDE/OUT," on Sunday, October 4, 1987, from noon to 7 p.m. In past years, more than 50,000 people enjoyed this day-long free celebration which takes place both inside and outside the building and is one of the Center's most popular community outreach programs.

In order to further encourage community participation this year, the Friends will feature the best of the established, as well as many new performing artists from the metropolitan Washington area, including several high school and college performing groups.

This year presentations at the Open House will feature several members of the Kennedy Center family including the National Symphony Orchestra, the Washington Opera, the American Film Institute, Very Special Arts, the Education Department's Programs for Children and Youth and the Cultural Diversity Program.

In addition to the performances in the various theaters, the theaters will be open for tours from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

This year, we will broadcast the Redskins game on one of the four largset televisions in the United States which is being provided by Performance A/V, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Opera House.

The Open House will feature a wide variety of foods, beverages, rides and amusements for children throughout the day located on the mini park in front of the Kennedy Cener.

October 13: ANC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Red Cross Auditorium, 2025 E Street, N.W.

October 21-22: United Church Fall Sale and German Luncheon/Dinners, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., to benefit outreach programs. Food served 11:30 - 2:00 and 4:00 - 6:30.

October 24 (rain date, Oct. 25): Foggy Bottom Association Oktoberfest, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Columbia Plaza (see separate story).

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Area Resident Joins St. Mary's Court Board

Another Foggy Bottom resident has been elected to the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Court, a local residence facility for elderly persons and the handicapped.

At the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors in June, Mary K. Nenno, an executive with the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, was elected to a three-year term. Ms. Nenno is engaged in policy development for the housing association, and brings to the Court many years of experience in liaison with the U.S Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, the development of legislative and administrative policies in the areas of housing and community development and in neighborhood conservation and rehabilitation.

Ms. Nenno joins the increasing ranks of Foggy Bottom residents on the Court's Board. Geoffrey Stamm, long active in local affairs, began a new three-year term on the Board and was also appointed Treasurer of the corporation. Mr. Stamm will also serve as Chairman of the Board's Housing Operations Committee. Fr. John E. Wilbur, Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, is an *ex officio* member of the Board of Directors and also serves on its Executive Committee. Marianne Freeman, another Foggy Bottom resident, was elected to the Board in 1985 and serves on its Resident Services Committee. The retiring President of the Board, Carol T. Radin, also of Foggy Bottom, has been involved in many capacities at St. Mary's Court since its inception. These include art teacher, founder, developer and director of the Multi-Arts Program at the Court, Board member and Secretary to the Board and, most recently, its President.

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There was never a buildup of filthy leaves which is now so commonplace. Today, we simply overlook the accumulations of uncontrolled "compost" that fill the gutters, clog our sewers, and present a potentially hazardous condition when wet. It should be noted that after the first flutter of crisp, colorful leaves, the romance is over. Allowed to lay unchecked, those leaves become exposed garbage.

A longtime resident recalls autumns, "Back *then;* — especially after the really big fall — we'd all be out raking leaves and we had to improvise bags to stuff them in. We didn't have big plastic bags like today." A nostalgic smile crosses her face. "The air seemed to crackle with ambition and ambiance." Noticeable this last winter was the appalling negligence of most residents to remove snow from their sidewalks! Such little time and effort are required.

What is happening to that neighborhood pride? Do we truly have a "different" kind of population moving into Foggy Bottom? Will their continued indifference change lower FB yet again — for something worse? We hope the citizens of FB are dedicated enough to explore the causes of our decline, and will endeavor to staunch the extinction of a noble neighborhood. (Perhaps, in a future edition of the *News,* the causes, effects, and opinions will be proposed).

Meanwhile, everyone — including apartment dwellers who rarely visit areas outside their complexes — is urged to take a walking tour through our shrinking neighborhood. (Progressive encroachment from all points of the compass has diminished our perimeters).

While strolling, really look closely at *everything*. Look below and beyond the beautiful foliage that Washington endows us with every springtime. Notice the number of neglected homes: broken and fallen fences, tangled weeds in front yards, the careless display of trash and litter. Nothing is more prolific than litter. Just one tossed beer can generate more. Soon pedestrians are comfortable adding their debris to the man-made trash heap.

A good place to start your observation walk is at the corner of H and New Hampshire Avenues. Keep to the left as you head north. You will pass several small homes which announce their individuality. Not too long ago, these homes made this stretch of shaded sidewalks a visual pleasure. Today, the overall view is one of neglect. It is often litter-strewn and unkempt. Most front yards are tangled with weeds. Clusters of dirty leaves line the fences. A busy, much-traveled street for people going to Safeway, and for tourists walking to the Kennedy Center, this once lovely section is a disappointment to all of us.

Continuing north to Eye, conditions improve. It is not possible to pass the corner property without special admiration for the care and beauty enclosed within its fence. Cross the street, turn left, then pause a moment to digest a phenomenon: here, for two entire blocks (from 24th to 26th Streets), is the longest stretch of residential homes *not* interrupted by a high-rise nor a hotel! Except for the aberration that houses the Argentine Embassy offices these two blocks are the most attractive in all of Foggy Bottom. — Or they could be if all the residents borrowed some of the initiative

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Upper half of 2500 block of Eye Street

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from earlier tenants. Scan the curbs and notice the inches of black gore along the gutters (end product of leaf accumulation).

Can you make out the brick outlines of the tree spaces, or have they been obliterated by years of untended overgrowth? Count the number of brick walkways still evident from widewalk to curb. We applaud the tenants who have continued to sweep off those little walks and carefully attend the tree spaces.

I am told there was a time when no one dared put their trash cans out until the nightfall before collection days. "We sort of sneaked them out in the dark, then brought them in as soon as they were emptied." Cans were stored in back of their homes within their own patios. Now, the large city cans are an integral part of many front entrances! Too many residents store their cans on public curbs at all times, and never have them out of sight. They make no effort to even apply the lids. If one tenant uses the tree space to store his/her can and it goes unnoticed, the habit spreads from one neighbor to another. A few homes across from the row of apartments have adopted the front curb as their permanent trash can storage.



Contrasting neatness in lower half of Eye Street

To resume your walk, cross 25th Street, staying on the right. This final block of Eye Street is the most characteristic and unique section in our area. The homes are larger than average. The entire street appears wider which contributed in the past to the reference of "The Boulevard" for this lovely block. A former resident described this special area as having a serene dignity.

Many of these residents today continue to preserve the tradition of excellent maintainance but are unable to convince some of their neighbors to cooperate. Knee-high weeds, tumbled cans, and overgrowth prevail. In some instances, the growing "false grass' has shrunk the width of the sidewalks to half.

Once past the upper section of the block, you step into a "oasis" where neatness is a sharp contrast. The attention given the surroundings of the corner house should be an inspiration to everyone in th area.

Having reached 26th Street, it is appropriate to insert at this point the single most common complaint voiced by those I queried: The blatant disregard for property that is displayed by dog owners. One citizen describes the 26th Street park area as "a landmine of dog excreta." The Dept. of Public Works complains as well of the disgusting mess animal excrement can make of grass cutting equipment. A dedicated resident who mows a smaller park nearby echoed that sentiment.

Should you have the inclination to venture outside *lower* Foggy Bottom, and dare to negotiate the underpass, you will find even worse littering all the way to Pennsylvania Avenue.

By getting involved, you can make a difference. Enough calls to the proper departments can influence lawmakers to enforce existing ordinances. It is against the law to litter. It is against the law to store trash on public spaces, and to cause private trash to become a nuisance. It is against the law to ignore animal defecation.

But why be on the receiving end of law enforcement? Starting now, become a joiner: Carry empty beer cans and Domino Pizza boxes to the nearest trash can.

If you love your dog, pick up after him/her. Even professed animal haters admit they have a new respect for a dog whose owner cares enough to make his/her canine more desirable.

Keep your trash cans inconspicuous. Every home has a rear patio or space to store the cans. If too inconvenient (as some tenants explain) then purchase an inexpensive few feet of fence to enclose the "trash site." Beach and resort areas use this method effectively.

It would be almost magical, and not impossible, if on just *one* weekend each home dweller would clean, where necessary, the sidewalks in front of that house. If each tenant would dig out the hidden walkway that leads from the sidewalk to the curb just in front of his/her own home, and rake away the heavy growth from the bricks which outline the tree spaces, the miracle on Monday morning would be mind-boggling!

If, on that same Monday, there was no sign of a trash can or bagged trash, we would surely be on our way to the real restoration of Foggy Bottom.

**The Observer is a local resident who will be submitting articles from time to time on FB's appearance.*



Typical view new gas station at 26th & Penn.

United Church Holds Fall Sale

The United Church at 20th & G, N.W. is having its annual fundraising event — a Fall Sale — on October 21 and 22.

The church runs and supports many outreach programs for the poor of this city (Food Pantry, Showers, Miriam's Kitchen, Dinner Program for Homeless Women, and Miriam's Closet). Most of the funds used to pay for these programs are raised through the annual "FALL SALE," which features merchandise of all kinds and homemade German food (served 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.).

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Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

Dee Prinze of The Griffin has become a new account executive with La Paree Cosmetic Company. Before this venture she was a consultant with Lauder and Arden. Look for her now gracing the stores of Neiman-Marcus, Saks, and I. Magnin. She will be the tall blonde dressed in La Paree grey.

Jonathan Kallman spent the Jewish Holidays in olde London Towne with his mother.

Talk about "reaching out and touching someone," **Sonia Joel** calls her daughter every day in Memphis, Tennessee, or she calls her.

Returning from show-me country of Missouri is **Kim Zeitlin** who was in Kansas City recently on business and pleasure.

Welcome to the GWU students returning for fall. Some are familiar faces from last year and some are brand new. Extend a hearty and heartfelt welcome to them.

Mike Donohoe, formerly assistant resident manager of The Claridge House, now is head honcho of an apartment on Connecticut Avenue.

Busier than ever is **Donna Costlow** of the Columbia Plaza these days. She is a legislative assistant to Congressman Steve Bartlett of Texas on the Hill.

Saw **Peggy Brown** walking her black Scottie, MacDuff, better known as Duffy.

Looking at his watch, **Greg Hartten,** assistant produce manager of Safeway, says that he has been married to Debbie for 3½ months now. Greg is the friendly face there for 7 years. Make it a four-month anniversary by the time *The News* comes out and his calendar watch ticks off the date.

In the area this month was GWU graduate, **Brent Haynes,** now of Chicago selling commodity futures on the Stock Exchange there. Brent was affiliated right after graduation with the Legal Service Corporation of D.C. and was in town training someone else for the company which he still works for on occasions.

Regi Carver of I Street opened new offices in Tyson's Corner for the Capital State area region of the Keith Woods Insurance Agency.

With a journalism degree in hand from GWU **Robin Lewis** is now direct mail manager for *Builder Magazine.*

Art teacher **Bradley Stevens,** who presides over night classes at the nearby university, has two paintings hanging at the *Washington Post.* Stevens is a full-time artist, but keeps his crayons available to instruct budding artists as well.

Entering the London School of Economics, **Chris Nurko** worked for presidential hopeful Joe Biden for a while before crossing the Atlantic recently to begin Fall session. Tally-ho, Chris!

And, finally, **Joseph Soares,** owner and manager of Donatello's, spent some time in Italy this summer learning some "special" dishes for his restaurant in Foggy Bottom as well as a short holiday in Portugal visiting his family.

Plans for Community Center Continue

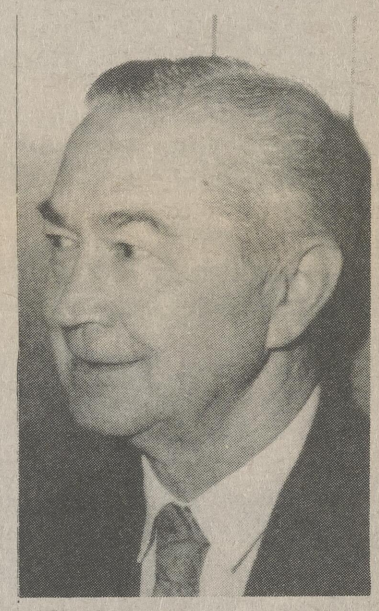
The Neighborhood Support Group for St. Mary's Court announces that plans for a Foggy Bottom Community Center are developing rapidly. Contributions to date for its establishment have demonstrated widespread support in the Foggy Bottom community and a recognition of the need for such a center.

Contributions are continuing to the Melvin Ogden Memorial Fund, the purpose of which is to create and support a center offering an organized, continuing and diversified network of programs, events and services of interest to everyone in Foggy Bottom. The center is expected to utilize the meeting spaces available at St. Mary's Court and, to an appropriate extent, integrate into the network of recreational, social, cultural, health and other services now offered at the Court, a facility for independent elderly located on 24th Street NW. The services that the center will offer are expected to have a broad general appeal to all segments of the community and will not be limited to elderly persons.

The Melvin Ogden Memorial Fund was established as a means for a continuing memorial to Mel Ogden, a loved and respected member of our community who died on June 27 of this year. Mel Ogden's contributions to Foggy Bottom were many and lasting and all of us who live here have benefited from his wisdom and foresight. Until his death, Mel Ogden was actively involved in efforts of the Neighborhood Support Group to promote a community center that would enhance the lives of all who live here.

The Support Group is encouraged by the support the concept has received. So far, it has been supported in its efforts by both the Foggy Bottom West End ANC 2A and the Foggy Bottom Association. Business support has come from the Wyndham Bristol Hotel and the Guest Quarters Hotel. The many individual contributors include Councilman John A. Wilson, other Support Group members and numerous residents of the Potomac Plaza Terraces where Mel Ogden lived. Members of the group are Alfred Cottrell, Harold Davitt, Harold Fields, Mary Healy, Dorothy Hoelzer, J. Walter Lund, Richard Palco, Carol Radin, Geoffrey Stamm, Councilman John A. Wilson and Fr. John Wilbur.

Programs and events to be undertaken by the Center are being considered. Plans are already under way for a lecture series on health-related topics



Melvin J. Ogden

to be given by the Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center.

The Neighborhood Support Group welcomes contributions from everyone. Contributions should be designed for the Melvin Ogden Memorial Fund and made payable to St. Mary's Court, c/o William A. Matthews, 725 - 24th Street NW, or to Mary Healy at 2475 Virginia Avenue NW, Washington DC 20037.

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John Landgraf Honored in Malaysia

During July of this year John Landgraf and his wife Mary Elmendorf, both anthropologists, returned as guests of the Sabah Museum and Archive in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on the west coat of Borneo. The purpose of the trip was to allow Landgraf to present his collection of materials about Sabah to a repository in its country of origin.

During 1954-55 Landgraf, as an anthropologist from New York University with a Fulbright Research Grant, and Dr. Ivan Polunin of the Department of Social Medicine of the University of Malaya in Singapore, collaborated on a study of Malaing, a small Murut village in the forests south of Keningau, in what was then the Colony of British North Borneo. Their purpose was to provide detailed information to colonial administrators who were concerned with the reports of Murut depopulation. Each worked in Malaing for approximately three months and also visited other Murut settlements. In addition, Polunin with gynecologist Dr. Mary Saunders later made a short study of a small number of Murut women living on a rubber estate near Tenom.

Results of this work were reported in a number of short papers, six of them published, but neither investigator was able to return for further study and no larger reports were ever completed.

Landgraf returned to the U.S. and his teaching, then in 1962-63 served briefly as first Director of the Peace Corps in Sabah and Sarawak, and later as Executive Secretary of the Senior Fulbright Program in Washington. The original collection of Murut materials, field notes, documents, tapes, photos and artifacts was carefully maintained although some artifact duplications were deposited in the American Museum of Natural History of New York, which had originally provided a small grant for purchases in the field.

Now 73 and retired, Landgraf with his wife as assistant first visited with Dr. Polunin in Singapore, now also retired, and they went to Kota Kinabalu to collate and annotate materials which had been sent by air freight to the museum. In company with Anuar Sullivan, Director of the Sabah Museum and State Archivist, they visited some of the original informants and field locations, now very much changed.

John and Mary live in the 2400 block of Eye Street, and John is a former President of the Foggy Bottom Association. He is now unpacking gifts presented during the trip, and laughingly indicated he came back with almost as much as he shipped to Sabah!

Highlights of ANC-2A Monthly Meeting July 14, 1987

D.C. Helipad: Commissioner Clapp reported that the City Council had unanimously voted in favor of a bill to prohibit helipads in residential areas, in response to the G.W.U. helipad initiative.

Watergate Proposals: Commissioner Clapp also reported that the Watergate developers have changed their plans for the complex's commercial center. They no longer plan to add fast food facilities, for example.

26th and L, N.W.: It was reported that the Zoning Commission had voted 3-2 to approve the residential/retail project proposed for the site, in spite of ANC-FBA opposition. Their report will be available in about five weeks, at which time the ANC and the FBA will decide what further steps to take, if any. The tapes of the hearing are available now.

Mayfair House: Commissioner Rosenbaum reported that changes have been proposed by the developer to the residential PUD planned for the site on L Street, between 22nd and 21st Streets. An additional floor of parking is planned and the proposed restaurant would be replaced with shops. The developer will provide a list of the types of shops to be included. In Commissioner Rosenbaum's opinion, the changes are good ones. He noted that the project was a victory for the ANC, since the initial plan had called for a hotel.

Foggy Bottom Historic District: Commissioner Striner reported that the Foggy Bottom Historic District had been nominated to the National Register on June 18.

Cooper Houses, K St. N.W.: Attorney Maureen Dwyer and architect Scott Hughes made a presentation on the project, which calls for the retention of the two landmarked Cooper Houses and construction of a new residential building behind them. The new buildings will be used as graduate student housing for a period of five years, under an agreement between the developer and a consortium of schools from around the country. In response to the Review Board's comments, the original plans for the project were revised to move the new building away from the Cooper Houses; the original plan called for it to be constructed partially over one of the houses. Area variances will have to be secured, but (according to Dwyer and Hughes) the developer is not required to provide additional parking. The Review Board has approved the conceptual plan, as revised, and a Zoning Commission hearing will be held July 29th. The project is expected to take a year to complete.

According to Hughes, the new building will be totally residential, with two- and three-bedroom apartments. Rear yard, courtyard, and lot occupancy variances are required. The existing buildings are nonconforming. Ms. Dwyer commented that parking variances are not needed; Commissioner Clapp disagreed with her. Commissioner Rosenbaum noted that the zoning staff agrees with the ANC that there should be additional parking. Ms. Dwyer mentioned the possibility of an arrangement with a private garage in the area, but the Commissioners noted that the graduate students will probably not be able to afford private parking. The building's use by students will guarantee the developer rental income for five years, after which the apartments may be sold as condos. The Cooper House will also be restored for residential use, with two apartments per floor.

There was a discussion of the problem of adding parking at the site, with Mr. Hughes commenting that, while the developer (St. James' Properties, Inc., of Boston) would like to do so, the site does not permit it. Mr. Rosenbaum commented that the new building, in its present form, would constitute a dormitory and that, therefore, additional spaces should be provided as a prerequisite to obtaining an occupancy permit.

Commissioner Clapp read a draft of a letter to the BZA expressing the ANC's position on the project (support for the needed variances, and opposition to plans not to provide more parking). The Commission voted unanimously (4-0 with 2 members absent) to send the letter to the Zoning Commission as the position of ANC-2A.

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914½ 25th Street: The resident at this address objects to her neighbor's plans to add 17 feet to the rear of his house, claiming that the construction may damage her property and that it would cut off her light and air. She has not been able to contact her neighbor, Mr. Carrow, to discuss her concerns with him. She asked the ANC to help her in this matter.

It was moved that the ANC try to mediate this issue before the BZA hearing on Mr. Carrow's application. If Mr. Carrow cannot be reached within four days after the July 14th ANC meeting, the ANC will ask for an extension on the date for the BZA hearing so that mediation can take place before the hearing. It was agreed that Chairman Clapp would send a registered letter to Mr. Carrow.

West End Trading: Allison Carney of Wilkes and Artis, attorney for the developer, made a brief presentation on the mixed use project. The Office of Planning has not, as yet, filed a report. The developer would like to come to the ANC's August (1987) meeting to explain the project in more detail. Commissioner Rosenbaum commented that he would oppose the project, since it is on a site partially zoned residential. A rezoning is sought for that part of the site.

Commissioner Rosenbaum noted that a greater sense of civic pride is needed to prevent even higher density in the area.

2140 F Street, N.W.-Pharmacy: Commissioner Schumacher reported that she has been in touch with the D.C. zoning inspectors and building construction people, but the issue is not resolved. She will draft a letter for Councilman John Wilson, asking his help in resolving the issue.

Eye Street Dumpsters: Dale Barnhardt asked the ANC to support his resolution asking the city to take action against the illegal use of public land for dumpsters owned by Howard Johnson's and Sunoco. He is asking that the District Department of Public Works enforce the public space law. Two residents of the area spoke of the need for ANC action since their own efforts had been unsuccessful.

Boston Properties PUD, 25th and N Streets, N.W.: Philip Feola, attorney for the developer, and Robert Berk, Senior Vice President of Boston Properties, made presentations on the project. The proposal is to build a six-story office building, although Boston Properties promised the ANC in 1984, when the first part of this five-part U.S. News and World Report project was getting under way, that the site would be residential. In fact, the commercial FAR for the site was used at that time for the U.S. News and World Report building, leaving only residential FAR for the site. The building would be matter-of-right, with a change of use. Mr. Berk commented that housing was no longer economically feasible, partly because of the added cost of dealing with the below-grade rock on the site. He also stated that combined office and residential projects do not "work" in low-density areas such as the West End and the assessed value of the land is very high even without a building. The developer wants to create a "housing linkage" fund of 2¼ million dollars, to substitute for not putting housing on the site. He stated that it probably would be used in another section of the city. He is also offering to rehab the Francis School pool and bathhouse. A hearing is scheduled for September 10-17. The Fine Arts Commission has given preliminary approval to the developer's conceptual plan for the site.

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